

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A computer-based method of providing information between a plurality of nodes coupled to a communication network wherein the plurality of nodes comprises more than one content provider nodes, at least one user node, and a portal node between said content providers and said at least one user node, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, at a portal node, user-requested content information from more than at least one content provider nodes node, wherein the user-requested content information has been generated in a markup language using a specific portlet at each of the more than the at least one content provider nodes node;

combining, at the portal node, the received user-requested content information using a generic portlet; and

sending, from the portal node, the combined user-requested content information to a user node.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the content information comprises fragments of information generated in the markup language at the more than at least one content provider nodes node, and wherein the combining step comprises combining the fragments of information into the combined content information.

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the combined information is configured for displaying on a browser at the user node.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the markup language is the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML).

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the information received from the at least one of the more than one content provider nodes ~~node~~ is associated with a fee.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of accepting a fee before the receiving step.

9. (currently amended) A computer-based method of providing information between a plurality of nodes coupled to a communication network wherein the plurality of nodes comprises more than one content provider nodes, at least one user node, and a portal node between the content provider nodes and the user nodes, the method comprising the steps of:

generating, within at least one content provider node, user-requested content information in a markup language using a specific portlet;

sending, from the at least one content provider node, the generated information to a portal node for combining with information in the markup language received from other content provider nodes and sending the information to a user node using a generic portlet.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the generating step comprises generating fragments of information in the markup language, and wherein the sending step comprises sending the fragments of information to a portal node for combining and sending to a user node.

11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the information sent to the user node is configured for displaying on a browser at the user node.

14. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein the markup language is the Hypertext Markup Language (HTML).

15. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of associating the generated information with a fee.

16. (original) The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of charging a fee before the sending step.

17. (currently amended) A computer program product for use in a content delivery network comprising a plurality of nodes, the product comprising a machine readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

receiving, at a portal node, user-requested content information from more than ~~at least~~ one content provider nodes ~~node~~, wherein the user-requested content information has been generated in a markup language using a specific portlet at each of the more than ~~the at least~~ one content provider nodes ~~node~~;

combining, at the portal node, the received user-requested content information using a generic portlet; and

sending, from the portal node, the combined information to a user node.

18. (currently amended) A computer program product for use in a content delivery network comprising a plurality of nodes, the product comprising a machine readable medium containing one or more programs which when executed implement the steps of:

generating, within at least one content provider node, user-requested content information in a markup language using a specific portlet;

sending, from the at least one content provider node, the generated information to a portal node for combining with information in the markup language received from other content provider nodes and sending the information to a user node using a generic portlet.